



NOTICE TO THE POPULATION

ROUGH SEAS - PREVENTIVE AND SELF-PROTECTION MEASURES

1. SITUATION

The Portuguese Institute of the Sea and Atmosphere (IPMA) forecasts worsening sea conditions starting tomorrow, August 26, due to the approaching swell generated by post-tropical cyclone ERIN, currently located west of the Azores. Strong seas are expected, with waves reaching 4 meters on the west coast and peaks of 7 meters.

Follow weather information at www.ipma.pt

2. EXPECTABLE EFFECTS

The intensity of rip currents near the coast is expected to increase. During high tide in the afternoon, water levels are expected to rise significantly, potentially leaving some beaches temporarily without sand.

3. PREVENTIVE MEASURES

The National Emergency and Civil Protection Authority (ANEPCC) reminds that the potential impact of these effects can be minimized, primarily through the adoption of appropriate behaviour. Therefore, especially in coastal areas, the following preventive measures are recommended:

- Only visit beaches with permanent lifeguards;
- Respect flags and beach signs;
- Follow the instructions of lifeguards, law enforcement officers, and those reinforcing beach surveillance;
- Keep a close eye on children;
- Avoid standing under unstable cliffs;
- Reinforce mooring and maintain strict surveillance of moored and anchored vessels;
- Avoid seaside walks or areas exposed to rough seas, such as harbour protection jetties, cliffs, or beaches, to avoid being surprised by a wave;





- Avoid recreational fishing, especially near cliffs and cliff areas frequently hit by breaking waves. Always remember that under these conditions, the sea can easily reach seemingly safe Areas;
- Pay attention to weather information and instructions from Civil Protection and Security Forces.

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